

# EXHIBIT 1

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

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OPIATE LITIGATION

Case No. 1:17-md-2804  
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1 MORNING SESSION, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019 11:05 A.M.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Everybody, thank you for  
3 being here. Here is the plan. I received Tuesday  
4 mid-morning an agenda which was only 3,000 pages as opposed  
5 to the 8,000-page agenda that I usually get, and I did  
6 manage last night staying up until a little past midnight to  
7 get through all of the items on the agenda that are listed  
8 as new. There are also a number of items on the agenda that  
9 have been on prior agendas, and my goal today before we  
10 separate is to at least get to every item that is new and  
11 address it, and rule on it to the extent that I can.

12 As to the items that are not new, most of them are  
13 items that have already become ripe and I just haven't  
14 gotten to, as you know, and I continue to work on those.  
15 And unfortunately, as I've said before, this is really kind  
16 of a triage, and new things come up that need attention  
17 which sometimes keep me from getting to things that are  
18 older but ripe, and I know that, and continue to try to get  
19 to that stuff; but I am going to try and get to today  
20 everything that is listed as new and help you get past those  
21 issues.

22 And as I said, the first one I want to address is  
23 agenda item number 190, which has to do with task force  
24 members and defendants for additional time with those task  
25 force members in deposition, and also addressing the law

1 remains, you know, plaintiffs sent out that request: Some  
2 defendants responded, some did not. And I need to set a  
3 deadline for a response from every defendant.

4 It seems like to the extent that many defendants  
5 already did that, that doesn't need to be a lot longer.

6 So I'm just pulling up my calendar --

7 MR. WEINBERG: We would ask by close of  
8 business on Friday.

9 MR. LYNCH: Special Master Cohen, we ask until  
10 the 29th, and we got agreement on that from --

11 SPECIAL MASTER COHEN: That's fine. You have  
12 until the 29th, the close of business on the 29th. I need  
13 every defendant to respond in as much detail as they can to  
14 plaintiffs' request that a status report essentially be  
15 provided with regard to SOMS audit reports.

16 And with regard to those SOMS audit reports, that any  
17 defendant already knows that they're not going to be  
18 producing, A, you can put it in a privilege log; B, submit  
19 it to me within the next three or four days. And if they  
20 want to provide context and explanation I'm happy to receive  
21 that, and it can even follow it. It doesn't have to come at  
22 the same time as the audit reports themselves.

23 Let me add something --

24 MR. REED: I apologize, but I missed that.  
25 What is it that you're looking for from us in the next three